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To Whom It May Concern:

Electrify America, LLC, is writing to express support for the Clean Fuel Standard Act proposed in New Mexico. Electrify America operates the nation's largest open network of DC fast chargers for electric vehicles, with more than 3,000 chargers across 701 locations nationwide. We currently operate 42 chargers across nine locations in New Mexico, with additional locations under development.

Electrify America strongly supports the establishment of a Clean Fuel Standard in New Mexico. In Oregon and California, where these programs are already in place, clean fuels policies have been shown to attract investment in charging infrastructure, promote alternative refueling options, and grow local green economies. For DC fast charging providers, clean fuels standards also provide a valuable source of revenue to help offset operational costs from charging stations, helping to make stations financially viable in more areas and particularly in rural areas and low-income/disadvantaged communities where utilization may be lower in the near term. In turn, this encourages expansion of charging coverage to more communities across the state.

The Clean Fuels Standard is a technology- and fuel-neutral policy that allows all clean transportation technologies to participate equally within the program, and minimizes costs through a market mechanism that allows the state to meet its GHG reduction goals through the most cost-effective mix of technologies. Through intelligent program design — such as adding a pathway for renewable electricity — the Clean Fuel Standard can incentivize even greater GHG emissions reductions, by providing greater credit value to stations dispensing electricity generated from clean sources.

Electrify America encourages the New Mexico legislature to pass robust Clean Fuel Standard legislation that creates a strong market for verifiable carbon reductions in the state. During the rulemaking and implementation phase, Electrify America further recommends that New Mexico establish a renewable energy credit (REC) pathway for renewable, zero-carbon electricity that encourages even greater GHG reductions and promotes increased use of green power for transportation.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide input on this important policy.

Regards,

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